

What is claimed is:

1. A system comprising:

a storage device to store first information that indicates whether the system is allowed to be used; and

5 a processor to disable use of the system based on the first information to control payment associated with the system.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the processor further to get new information to renew the first information based on the integrity of the first

10 information.

3. The system of claim 1 wherein the processor further to get new information to update the first information, in response to determining that the first information is corrupted.

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4. The system of claim 3 wherein the processor further to halt the booting of the system, in response to determining that the new information is unavailable.

5. The system of claim 1 wherein the processor further to, in response to

20 determining that the current date is later than an expiration date in the first information, get information on a new expiration date based on a payment status of the system.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein the processor further to disable the use of the system, in response to being failed to get a new expiration date to renew the first information.

5 7. The system of claim 1 wherein the processor further to get new information for renewing the first information, in response to determining from the first information that a grace period for allowing using of the system has expired.

10 8. The system of claim 7 wherein the processor further to enable the use of the system, in response to determining that the new information for renewing the first information is available.

15 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the processor further to enable the use of the system based on integrity and validity of the new information.

10 10. The system of claim 1 wherein the processor further to enable the use of the system, in response to determining that the first information is invalid and the invalid information indicates that the system is allowed to be further used.

20 11. The system of claim 1, wherein the processor further to enable the use of the system, in response to determining that the first information is valid.

12. A method, comprising:

25 checking validity status of a first license that comprises allowable usage information of a user device; and

disabling use of the user device based on the validity status to control payment for the user device.

13. The method of claim 12 further comprising:

5 comparing current time with expiration time set in the first license to obtain the validity status.

14. The method of claim 12 further comprising:

comparing a number of usage times of the user device with a allowable 10 number in the first license to check the validity status.

15. The method of claim 12 further comprising:

getting a new license to update the first license, in response to determining that the first license is corrupted; and

15 checking a validity status of the new license.

16. The method of claim 12 further comprising:

in response to determining that the first license is invalid, getting a new license to update the first license, depending on payment status associated with the 20 user device.

17. The method of claim 16 further comprising:

disabling the use of the user device, in response to determining that the new license is unavailable.

18. The method of claim 12 further comprising:
downloading a new license from a remote server to update the first license,
in response to determining that a grace period comprised in the first license has
expired;

5 disabling the use of the user device, in response to determining that the
downloading of the new license is failed.

19. A system comprising:
a user device that stores a license, wherein the license comprises expiration
10 information on the user device; and
a server that issues the license for the user device based on payment status
of the user device.

20. The system of claim 19, further comprising:

15 a network that couples the user device with the server.

21. The system of claim 19, further comprising:
a bank system that monitors payment status of the user device.

20 22. The system of claim 19, wherein the user device further to
check the validity of the license, in response to determining that the license is
a complete one.

23. The system of claim 19, wherein the user device further to

compare a number of usage times of the user device with a value in the expiration information to check the validity of the license.

24. The system of claim 19, wherein the user device further to
5 in response to determining that the license is invalid, request for a new
license from the server.

25. The system of claim 24, wherein the server further to
ask for the payment status from a bank system; and
10 issue the new license to the user device, in response to determining that the
payment is confirmed by the bank system.

26. The system of claim 24, wherein the user device further to
getting the new license, in response to the server issuing the new license;
15 and
checking the validity of the new license.

27. The system of claim 24, wherein the user device further to
disable use of the user device, in response to determining that the new
20 license is unavailable.

28. A machine readable medium comprising a plurality of instructions that in
response to being executed result in a computing device

halting use of the computing device based on a license stored in the computing device to control payment of the computing device, wherein the license comprises expiration information on the computing device.

5 29. The machine readable medium of claim 28, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device in response to determining that the license is corrupted, getting a new license to update the corrupted license.

10 30. The machine readable medium of claim 28, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device in response to determining that the license has expired, getting a new license to renew the expired license based on payment status of the computing device.

15 31. The machine readable medium of claim 28, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device in response to determining that the license is in a grace period, issuing a warning for getting a new license.

20 32. The machine readable medium of claim 28, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device in response to determining that a grace period for the license has expired, downloading a new license based on payment status of the computing device.

33. The machine readable medium of claim 32, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device downloading the new license, in response to determining that the payment of the computing device is confirmed; and

5 checking the validity of the new license.

34. The machine readable medium of claim 33, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device disabling the use of the computing device, in response to determining that

10 the new license is unavailable.

35. The machine readable medium of claim 28, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device enabling the use of the computing device, in response to determining that

15 the license is valid.